

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~Patent Claims:~~

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~trash can~~ refuse bin having a receptacle which contains a garbage bag and having at least one ring which can be placed onto ~~the~~ an upper edge of the receptacle and is used for fixing the garbage bag in place, ~~it being possible for the ring (10) to be~~ is secured in a latching manner on the receptacle (11) in the upper edge region thereof, wherein the ring (10) has two vertical, parallel ring legs (10a, 10b), the inner ring leg (10b) being situated on the inside of the receptacle (11) and the outer ring leg (10a) being situated on the outside of the receptacle.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receptacle (11) is an inner bucket for a trash container.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the garbage bag (12) ~~can be~~ is fastened in such a manner to the receptacle (11) by means of the ring (10) which ~~can be~~ is placed on it so that it is concealed to the outside by the ring.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a hoop (13) is attached to the ring (10) and can be is used to lift up the receptacle (11).

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring (10) has at least one, ~~preferably at least two~~ latching regions (14) region, in which it can be connected in a frictional ~~and/or~~ or form-fitting manner to an upper section (11a) of the receptacle.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one latching region (14) comprises a tongue which is resiliently elastic approximately in the radial direction.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 6, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has incisions ~~(15)~~ laterally next to a resiliently elastic tongue ~~(14)~~ of the latching region.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a step ~~(16)~~ is formed on the receptacle ~~(11)~~ at a distance below the upper edge, and a latching region ~~(14)~~ of the ring ~~(10)~~ snaps over this step when being latched into place.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 8, wherein the receptacle ~~(11)~~ has, in the region of the step ~~(16)~~, an undercut ~~(17)~~ which is situated radially further inward.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 9, wherein the latching region ~~(14)~~ has in the lower end region, an angled section ~~(18)~~ which is directed radially inward and snaps over the step ~~(16)~~ into the undercut ~~(17)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least partially annular, concentric, upwardly protruding ring ribs ~~(19, 20)~~ are formed on the upper side of the ring ~~(10)~~ and the hoop ~~(13)~~ can be deposited between them.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein an outer ring leg ~~(10a)~~ and an inner ring leg ~~(10b)~~ are connected by a web ~~(10c)~~ which connects them and runs at right angles to them and is ~~preferably~~ situated on the upper edge of the receptacle ~~(11)~~ when the ring ~~(10)~~ is placed on it.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring ~~(10)~~ has a web-like, approximately horizontal supporting region ~~(21)~~ for a lid of the ~~trash-can~~ refuse bin.